



7 DAYS

## A TUSCAN ADVENTURE

This tour is for groups of min 4 people already travelling together.  
Tour dates are available upon request.

### ACCOMMODATION

Our accommodations are nearby the historical centre of Cortona and set on wonderful grounds which include a swimming pool. The apartments within the villa comprise one/two/three bedrooms, living area, kitchen, bathroom and laundry facilities, comprising air-conditioning and WI-FI. Located in the valley approximately 10km from the historical centre of Cortona, the accommodations, which are restored Tuscan farmhouses with old world rustic charm, become home base for the duration of the tour, allowing the traveller to settle into their own private apartment and commence their Tuscan experience.

### GETTING THERE

The tour begins near the historical centre of Cortona. Arrival to Camucia-Cortona is easily accessible via train from either Rome or Florence stations. Either of these two major cities are a good option for your arrival into Italy and then travel to our location.

Upon arrival we will meet you at our local train station Camucia-Cortona and will transfer you, via vehicle to the villa.

Private vehicle transfers can be arranged from Airports/Hotels and transfer you directly to the accommodation. Quote available upon request.

### CHECK IN / CHECK OUT

#### Check In is from 3:30pm

There will be transfers from Camucia-Cortona train station at 3:30pm & 5:30pm.

*Transfers outside of these hours will be at an additional cost of €30.*

#### Check Out is at 10am.

There will be transfers to Camucia-Cortona train station at 9am & 10am.

*Transfers outside of these hours will be at an additional cost of €30.*

As we are unable to store luggage, it is essential this be taken into consideration when making travel arrangements for arrival and departure days.

### EXCLUSIONS

\*Airfares \*Travel insurance (we'd advise taking out cover ahead of time) \* Entry fees to visit any museums, galleries, or public premises, not listed on the itineraries. \*Any meals outside of those listed within the itinerary.



### INCLUSIONS

- Experience Tuscan life first hand with a 7 night stay in our villa
- Our bilingual hosts & tours leaders will be on hand throughout the tour to assist you
- Experience excitingly adventurous day tours
- Provisions are provided in your apartment for breakfasts
- This trip includes no less than 5 tantalising lunches - perfect for your energy levels as you explore
- 6 dinners with wine are included - all of which will take place at a local eatery or trattoria
- Your vespa tour will include a guide, a helmet for yourself and a passenger (if you opt to have one)
- Explore the stunning walkways of Cortona & Via Francigena on foot
- Your cycling tour will include a helmet, a guide and options for an eBike
- Enjoy wine tasting sessions at local establishments & vineyards
- All of your travel will be looked after by us as detailed on your itinerary
- We'll take you to the local station for any days where you don't have a tour
- We can transport you to and from the station when you arrive and depart
- On a tour-free day, we can take you directly into Cortona for your own exploration

**AU \$4,250 per person, twin share.**

**Single Occupancy \$450**

Whether you're a fan of the great outdoors, if you want to get your adrenaline pumping, or if you like the idea of a unique, activity-based holiday; we're sure that you'll love your time with us. Part adventure, part relaxation – you'll undoubtedly love taking to the walkways for a guided tour or two, before mounting a Vespa and travelling the length and breadth of some of the most historic towns in the country.

### **SAT / ARRIVAL**

An exciting week of adventure awaits. To get things underway, we'll collect you from the local station and will transport you to your new home for the next 7 days. You'll have the afternoon to settle into your new surroundings. To keep your energy levels high, we'll travel into Cortona where you'll get to enjoy a mouth-watering Italian meal and a pleasant evening.

### **SUN / CORTONA**

In the morning, we'll head back into Cortona to further immerse you in the Tuscan lifestyle. You'll be treated to a fresh coffee followed by a walking tour of the area - allowing you to take note of the landmarks, local stores and historic buildings. We'll then head to a local trattoria for a bite to eat - and you'll get to choose from a range of traditionally-made Italian dishes. We're sure that you'll want to get back to exploring the town as soon as possible - and you'll have plenty of free time to do exactly this after lunch. You can choose to stay in Cortona until dinner, or you can travel back with us to your accommodation at 4pm. Whatever you decide, we'll be back in Cortona to prepare for your evening meal, complete with locally produced wine from Italian suppliers.

For dinner, you'll be treated to a traditional aperitivo in the iconic Piazza, followed by tantalising dinner to fill your stomach and prepare you for tomorrow's adventures

### **MON / FRANCIGENA TREK - SAN GIMIGNANO OR SIENA**

We have an exciting trek along part of the Francigena planned for today and at 9am, we'll head to our starting point where you can meet and greet your guide. To keep your energy up, you'll be pleased to hear that lunch is included and we'll be starting the trek across the beautiful scenery at 10am. By the middle of the afternoon we'll head back to the villa where you can enjoy some time by the pool, or relax in your apartment until dinner. We'll then enjoy a tasty meal from the comfort of the villa complex, have a glass or two of locally produced wine and prepare for tomorrow's adventures.

### **TUE / WINE TASTING IN CHIANTI**

Famed for its expansive vineyards, wineries and historic landmarks; we'll be heading into the fabled town of Chianti for a day of enjoyment. Our first stop will be Castellina, where you'll enjoy a locally produced coffee and have the opportunity to get to grips with all that the town has to offer. For food, we have an extended lunch planned, as well as a wine tasting session at the world-famous Querceto di Castellina Winery. You'll also be able to pick up ingredients for your own dinner before we head back.

### **WED / PIENZA & MONTEPULCIANO BY VESPA**

To get your Wednesday off to a flying start, we'll be visiting Pienza - a town that effortlessly blends tradition and excitement. We have a lot ahead of us, so be sure to enjoy breakfast for the energy. We'll embark on an exciting Vespa tour of the local area at 10am, where your guide will take you to the most prolific landmarks, starting in Pienza, through the streets and much more. For lunch, we'll visit the famous Montepulciano, where you can take in the sights and unwind after the exhilaration of your Vespa adventure. We'll head back to your accommodation in the late afternoon, allowing you time to take a dip in the pool, relax before your evening meal - or take a breathtaking walk around your local surroundings. To delve even deeper into the Tuscan way of life, we'll be heading to Cortona to enjoy the most famous Italian dish known to mankind - pizza!

### **THU / CYCLING LAKE TRASIMENO**

We'll pick you up from your accommodation at 9am to begin our journey to one of the most famous parts of Tuscany - Lake Trasimeno. Rather than driving, you'll be excited to learn that we'll be cycling instead - allowing you to really get to grips with your Tuscan adventure. Be sure to bring a camera for photos of your travels, as there will be some pretty stunning sights to behold. You'll be taken around the lake, where you'll get to take in the scenery, traverse the terrain and explore the region on two wheels before having lunch. With your appetite undoubtedly ready for a meal, we'll then head into Cortona to sit down and partake of the local cuisine, where you'll get to enjoy the rest of your evening.

### **FRI / TOUR FREE DAY**

To celebrate your last full day with us, we'll keep this time open for you to take part in an extra activity, visit Cortona, or be dropped off at the local station for your own adventurous experience. We'll then get you back to your accommodation in time to enjoy a traditional aperitivo and then a meal with wine to prepare you for your trip back home.

### **SAT / DEPARTURE**

In the morning, we will take you back to the station personally to wish you well and hope that your Tuscan adventure was everything that you hoped for and more.





# Frequently Asked Questions

## **When is the best time to travel?**

July, August, September is peak season, both from the number of travellers and the Summer heat. May, June and September/early October are good options for milder weather conditions.

## **Will I get to see sunflower fields?**

The sunflowers bloom very late June/early July through to the end of July. This however can vary depending on the weather.

## **What is the average age of those in your groups?**

Our guests vary in age from 30 through to 75 years of age.

## **What time do our day trips start?**

Our touring day generally commences at 9am

## **Do I need travel insurance?**

We highly recommend travel insurance and all who book with Tours of Tuscany require proof of travel insurance. You are required to purchase your own travel insurance to cover cancellation coverage, airline tickets, trip delay, lost luggage or any potential medical expenses.

## **Is there any free time?**

We have scheduled tour free days within our respective itineraries and there is also the opportunity of spending time on your own on any of the scheduled day tours.

## **Is there air-conditioning in the apartments?**

Yes, all apartments are air conditioned.

## **Is there a lot of walking?**

Walking is part of the tour itinerary and although there may be stairs to climb and walking over cobble stoned streets is common, the walking is quite leisurely and you are able to stop and take a break if required.

## **What can I do on a Tour Free Day?**

You can choose from a variety of additional activities that we have on offer, these range from cheese making, cooking classes, horse riding, Vespa/cycling tours and many more. Booking prior to the tour is recommended. Alternatively you can visit another township via train or spend the day in Cortona.

## **Is there access to Wi-Fi?**

There is Wi-Fi at all of the accommodations. However please remember that some of these places are in the countryside and although the Internet generally works quite well, it may not be the speed to which you are accustomed.

## **Can I make changes to my itinerary before or during the trip?**

Itineraries are provided in order to ensure all our guests have the utmost travelling experience and we therefore do not amend itineraries once your tour has commenced.

## **How are the meals provided?**

Within your apartment you will find all necessary items to make either a continental or cooked breakfast at your leisure prior to leaving for the day. Lunches are generally at a Caffè or restaurant where you choose one course from the menu, this is generally a light lunch.

All dinners are at a local restaurant or Trattoria. Dinner is 2 courses chosen from an a-la-carte menu. Local wine is included with dinner.

## **What will the food be like?**

The food is typically Italian; all the meals provided are from a-la-carte menus which have ample varied selection.

## **What if I'm vegetarian or require a particular diet?**

You are able to choose from an a-la-carte menu for all meals and the selection is varied and caters well for vegetarians.

## **What is the dress code?**

Comfortable clothing and walking shoes for daily tours and smart casual for dinners.

## **What happens if I need to cancel?**

Please see our terms and conditions.

## **Is the accommodation in walking distance to the town centre?**

The accommodation is approximately 10 km from Camucia-Cortona.

## **Are there laundry facilities?**

Yes

## **Is Tours of Tuscany insured?**

Tours of Tuscany is an Australian company registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and carries Public Liability insurance & Professional Indemnity insurance.